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SUBJECT: PECHORA RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT (REF TO S&T AGREEMENT
JCM - 01.00)

REF: STATE 72785, MOSCOW 3332,

1. PER REFTEL A SCICOUNS NOTED TO SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT KAZAKOV APRIL 6, EPA INTEREST IN
PURSUING POSSIBLE COOPERATION ON PECHORA RIVER AND OTHER DIVERSION
PROJECTS. KAZAKOV STATED THAT THE LEAD SOVIET AGENCY FOR RIVER
DIVERSION PROJECT IS THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY;
STUDIES BY HYDROMET ON RIVER DIVERSION ARE ONLY DONE ON CONTRACT
WITH THE SCST. KAZAKOV ADDED THAT WHILE HE COULD CONCEIVE OF
USEFUL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN HYDROMET AND EPA ON
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF RIVER DIVERSION, THIS COULD ONLY BE
ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE SCST CHANNEL. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS
QUERY WHETHER THIS IMPLIED THAT BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THIS
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AREA SHOULD PROCEED THROUGH THE S&T AGREEMENT,
RATHER THAN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, KAZAKOV ANSWERED THAT
THIS IS CORRECT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THE PECHORA RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT EVIDENTLY
HAS ACHIEVED A HIGH PRIORITY STATUS IN SOVIET ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLANS, IT SEEMS THERE IS NO FIRM DECISION WHEN OR

EXACTLY HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE ENORMOUSLY COSTLY AND COMPLICATED UNDERTAKING. PERHAPS FOR THIS REASON THE SOVIETS ARE RETICENT TO TALK TO US IN DETAIL AT THIS STAGE; HOWEVER, A POSSIBLE ROUTE FOR THE PECHORA DIVERSION WAS OUTLINED IN SOME DETAIL IN A DECEMBER 29, 1976 SOCIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA (COPIES BEING POUCHED FOR STROTHER AND MORRIS). ANOTHER POSSIBLE INHIBITION TO BILATERAL COOPERATION MAY BE THE USE OF PNE'S, AN OPTION WHICH THE SOVIETS WANT OPEN TO THEM SHOULD THE DIVERSION ROUTE EVENTUALLY BE DECIDED UPON. REQUIRE SUCH: (FYI. SCICOUNS WAS RECENTLY INFORMED BY A STATE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE SCAE WILL PUBLISH BY THE END OF THIS YEAR A NEW BOOK ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. WHILE SOURCE WOULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC, THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION WAS OFFERED DURING A DISCUSSION OF THE PECHORA RIVER PROJECT AND EVIDENTLY WAS INTENDED TO SIGNAL A CONTINUED STRONG INTEREST BY THE SCAE IN PNE'S FOR SUCH PURPOSES. END FYI).

3. THE SCST INTEREST IN RIVER DIVERSION PROJECTS CAME TO LIGHT DURING THE OCTOBER 1976 VISIT OF AN EPA TEAM TO MOSCOW. VALERIY SOKOLOVSKIY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCST DEPARTMENT OF RATIONAL USE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, NOTED THAT THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF RIVER DIVERSION PROJECTS WAS ONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS DEPARTMENT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION ON THIS SUBJECT THROUGH THE SCST CHANNEL AND, IF A POSITIVE RESPONSE IS RECEIVED, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO PROPOSING IT AS A NEW SUBJECT OF COOPERATION WHEN THE S&T COMMISSION NEXT CONVENES. UPON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, SCICOUNS WOULD RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH AYKAZYAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SOKOLOVSKIY AT THE SCST. IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HAVE SOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT U.S. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED ONLY TO ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS, COULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUCH A PROJECT. END COMMENT.
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